Modernisation of Hirakund Hydro Power Unit

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to renovate and modernize the Hirakund Hydro Power Unit;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time-frame within which this project would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The Hirakund Hydro Power System is a hydroelectric project (347.5 MW) of the Orissa Hydro Power Corporation Limited (OHPC), a Public Sector Undertaking of the Government of Orissa. It consists of 7 units of Burla Power House (275.5 MW) and 3 Units of Chiplima Power House (72 MW). As informed by OHPC, it had programmed Renovation and Modernization (R&M) of six units of Burla Power House and three units of Chiplima Power House under the Hirakund Power System since VIIIth Plan is a phased manner. The Unit 7 of Burla Power House has been excluded from the R&M programme as the unit was commissioned in 1991 and is presently running satisfactorily. The R&M works of Units 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Burla Power House and Unit 1 of Chiplima Power House have already been completed. The R&M works of Unit 2 of Chiplima Power House are currently underway. Steps have also been initiated by OHPC for carrying out R&M works of Unit 3 of Chiplima Power House and Units 5 and 6 of Burla Power House.

(c) As informed by OHPC, the tentative schedule for completion of the R&M of the remaining Units of these Power Houses is as under:—

Unit/Power House (P.H.)	Tentative Schedule for completion of R&M works
Unit 2 of Chiplima P.H.	July, 2007
Unit 3 of Chiplima P.H.	June, 2010
Unit 5 and 6 of Burla P.H.	June, 2011